

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action of May 28, 2010 and the Advisory Action of August 5, 2010. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the Application. Claims 1, 7 and 12 are independent claims.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-3, 6, 12-14 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0009537 to Wang ("Wang") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,281,790 to Kimmel ("Kimmel"). Claims 4, 5, 7-11 and 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Wang in view of Kimmel and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,182,116 to Namma ("Namma"). The rejection of claims 1-20 is respectfully traversed. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-20 are allowable over Wang, Kimmel, and Namma for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 recites in substantial form a system in which a web browser controls a plurality of controllable devices through a web server embedded in one of the devices. In accordance with the claims, the master device is one of the plurality of devices and is also controlled by the embedded web server.

In the Advisory Action, the position is taken that the "claimed embedded web server which is the DTV [of Wang] located in the home network. Wang's PC and DTV are separate devices." This position while the PC and DTV of Wang are separate devices, this

has little to do with the claims which recite that "the one or more linked devices and said master control device are controlled by said embedded web server of said master control device ..." Wang does not teach that each of the devices including the device hosting the embedded web server are controlled by the embedded web server.

Moreover, it is undisputed that Wang does not teach, disclose or suggest "the user operated web browser receives data directly from the plurality of linked devices that have been selected." Kimmel is cited to provide that which is admitted missing from Wang, however, it is respectfully submitted that reliance on Kimmel is misplaced. Claim 1 is amended to clarify that the web browser receives data directly from each of said plurality of devices in response to the indirect control through said embedded web server. In accordance with the present system, the data that is received directly from the device is received in response to the indirect control.

In Kimmel, while it is true that monitoring information is received at a remote monitoring site directly, the monitoring information is not received in response to indirect control through an embedded web server.

It is respectfully submitted that the system of claim 1 is not anticipated or made obvious by the teachings of Wang in view of Kimmel. For example, Wang in view of Kimmel does not teach, disclose or suggest, a system that amongst other patentable elements, comprises (illustrative emphasis added) "a master control device selected from the plurality of devices, the master control device comprising an embedded web server, each of the plurality of devices including a peer interface module and host software; one or

more linked devices selected from the plurality of devices, the one or more linked devices and said master control device are controlled by said embedded web server of said master control device, the peer interface module of said linked devices communicates in a peer to peer manner with the peer interface module of said master control device for being controlled by said embedded web server; and a device for operating a web browser for communicating with said embedded web server on said master control device in order to access said linked devices, wherein said web browser controls each of said linked devices indirectly through said embedded web server on said master control device and in response to the indirect control through said embedded web server receives data directly from each of said plurality of devices that have been selected to provide the data" as recited in claim 1, and as similarly recited in each of claims 7 and 12.

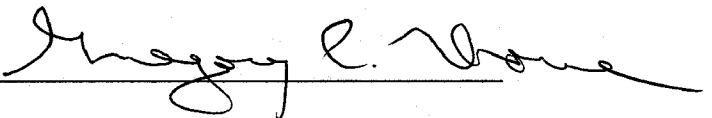
Based on the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 7 and 12 are patentable and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 2-6, 8-11, and 13-20 respectively depend from one of claims 1, 7 and 12 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of the claims. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support

of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicant has made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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